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SUB: REPORTED INVESTIGATION OF DOCTOR'S ACTIONS
IN BIKO CASE

REF: 77 PRETORIA 6938

1. THE SUNDAY AFRKIAANS NEWSPAPER RAPPORT CARRIED AS ITS
LEAD STORY ON APRIL 30 AN ARTICLE STATING THAT A COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL IS PRESENTLY
INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE STEPS AGAINST THE THREE PORT
ELIZABETH DOCTORS INVOLVED IN LOOKING AFTER STEVE BIKO
DURING HIS DETENTION LAST YEAR. THE DOCTORS CONCERNED
ARE CHIEF DISTRICT SURGEON BENJAMIN TUCKER, HIS ASSISTANT
IVOR LANG, AND ANOTHER PHYSICIAN, C. HERSCH. ACCORDING TO
RAPPORT, THE COUNCIL IS INVESTIGATING THEIR
"PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR" IN THE BIKO CASE. RAPPORT STATES THAT
THE INVESTIGATION IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN
BECAUSE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS OTHER
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DOCTORS, ALTHOUGH IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COUNCIL
MAY BE ACTING ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE AS THE RESULT OF
THE INQUEST REPORT WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL
LAST YEAR.

2. VARIOUS ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING THE RAND
DAILY MAIL AND THE POST HAVE PICKED UP THE RAPPORT

RAPPORT STORY AND CARRIED IT IN LESS SENSATIONAL FORMS.

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